

Legal Notice
Malheur National
Forest, USDA Forest
Service

South Silvies Complex
Grazing Allotments En-
vironmental Analysis

The Emigrant Creek
Ranger District of the
Malheur National For-
est is initiating a 30-Day
scoping period on the
South Silvies Complex
Grazing Allotments Envi-
ronmental Analysis. The
analysis area includes
the Big Sagehen, Sil-
vies, and Bridge Creek
allotments. The planning
area is located in Grant
and Harney Counties
18 miles north of Burns,
Oregon, encompass-
ing about 54,506 acres
within the Silvies River
Watershed. The legal
description is: Township
17-20 South, Range 30-
32 East, multiple sec-
tions.

The Emigrant Creek
Ranger District propos-
es to continue authoriz-
ing livestock grazing on
three grazing allotments
within the South Sil-
vies Complex planning
area using adaptive
management strategies
designed to meet For-
est Plan standards and
guidelines. Some ele-
ments involved with the
proposed action may
include analysis of graz-
ing rotation strategies,
riparian area protection,
development of upland
water sources, construc-
tion of new fencing, and
modification of existing
fence locations.

More information can be
obtained by contacting
Marion Mahaffey at 541-
575-3302, or email
[marionmahaffey@fs.fed.
us](mailto:marionmahaffey@fs.fed.us), or on the web at
[http://www.fs.usda.gov/
projects/malheur/
landmanagement/
projects](http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/malheur/landmanagement/projects).

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number; organization
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of the document/project
on which the comment is
being submitted; specific
facts or comments along
with supporting reasons
you believe the Respon-
sible Official should con-
sider in reaching a deci-
sion; and your signature.

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1.27(d) any person may
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regarding the request
for confidentiality and
where the request is
denied, the agency will
return the submission
and notify the requestor
that the comments may
be resubmitted with or
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resses.

We invite your com-
ments as your input will
help us decide how to
proceed with this project.
Specific, solution-orient-
ed comments that focus
on the proposed project
or identify issues with
the proposal would be
the most useful in our
planning efforts. This
specific input will help us
develop alternatives that
address those issues.

Written comments con-
cerning the project may
be submitted using
the following methods:
Postal mail or hand
delivery: Malheur Na-
tional Forest, c/o Mar-
ion Mahaffey, Range
NEPA Coordinator, 431
Patterson Bridge Road
/ P.O. Box 909, John
Day, Oregon, 97845 (if
hand delivering, submit
during business hours,

8:00 am to 4:30 pm,
Monday through Friday,
excluding holidays); or
via email message at
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northwest-malheur-em-
igrantcreek; or via Fax:
541-575-3158.

Although written or ver-
bal comments are wel-
come at any time, they
will be most useful if
submitted to me in writ-
ing by December 14,
2018. Please submit
your comments to:
Aaron Gagnon, Acting
District Ranger
Emigrant Creek Ranger
District
c/o Marion Mahaffey,
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The project team leader,
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reached at (541) 575-
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